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PASSING OF CAPT THOMAS L. WALKER DC, USN (RET)

Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Captain Thomas L. Walker, DC, USN (ret).

Captain Thomas L. Walker of Lynchburg, VA, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2020, after a valiant five year battle with cancer. He was born in Ames, Iowa on July 16, 1953.

Captain Walker became a dentist following in his father's footsteps. He received his Bachelor's of Science degree from Iowa State University and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from The University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1978. Captain Walker's active duty assignments included service aboard the USS Piedmont (AD-17), out-service Endodontic residency training at the University of Texas San Antonio, Naval Dental Center Bremerton, Washington, Naval Dental Center Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Dental Center Pensacola, Florida, and as Endodontic Staff at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland.



Captain Walker's awards and decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Battle Efficiency Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon and Expert Pistol Ribbon. Upon retirement in 1998, Captain Walker entered private practice in Lynchburg, Virginia while he also served as part time volunteer faculty for the Endodontic residency program at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

Captain Walker was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Leon Walker and Thelma M. Walker, and his grandparents T.T. Lee and Olive Lee. He is survived by his wife Peggy Rice Walker; daughter Stacy A. Crawford (Clay); beloved grandson, Chase; his sister Mary Thompson (Mike) of Austin, TX; brother William Walker (Camilla) of Boulder, CO; brother-in-law, John D. Rice, Jr., White Stone, VA, and sister-in-law Rita A. Walters (Larry) of Chesterfield, VA.

Rest in Peace Captain Walker.

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